

**ENTERED**

May 26, 2016

David J. Bradley, Clerk

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
LAREDO DIVISION

ROSAURA GOMEZ,

Plaintiff

VS.

NATIONWIDE PROPERTY AND  
CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY,

Defendant.

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 5:15-CV-67

**MEMORANDUM**

Before the Court is the Parties' Joint Stipulation of Dismissal with Prejudice (Dkt. No. 49). Parties in a civil suit may generally dismiss the suit without a court order upon the filing of a notice of dismissal "signed by all parties who have appeared." FED. R. CIV. P. 41(a)(1)(A)(ii). This general rule is subject to limitations in class action suits, shareholder derivative suits, suits where the court has appointed a receiver, and suits where a defendant has filed a counterclaim. *See* FED. R. CIV. P. 41(a)–(c).

The Court finds that this is not a class action suit or shareholder derivative suit, the Court has not appointed a receiver, and Defendant has not filed a counterclaim. Thus, because the Parties' Stipulation is signed by all parties who have appeared in this case, all of Plaintiff's claims were dismissed with prejudice "effective upon [the] filing" of the Joint Stipulation of Dismissal. *See SmallBizPros, Inc. v. MacDonald*, 618 F.3d 458, 463 (5th Cir. 2010) ("Because filing a voluntary stipulation of dismissal . . . is effective immediately, any action by the district court

after the filing of such a stipulation can have no force or effect because the matter has already been dismissed by the parties themselves without any court action.”).

The Clerk of Court is hereby directed to **CLOSE** this case.

**SIGNED** May 25, 2016.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Garcia Marmolejo", is written over a horizontal line.

Marina Garcia Marmolejo  
United States District Judge